

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

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1                   1.       In a synthetic resin pallet, for use with a fork lift, comprising  
2       separately molded upper and lower decks spaced apart by a plurality of supports to  
3       define therebetween fork-receiving regions beneath the upper deck, the improvement  
4       wherein the underside of the upper deck is substantially planar, and the supports are  
5       integrally formed with and project upwardly from the lower deck and are secured to  
6       the underside of the upper deck.

1                   2.       A pallet according to claim 1 wherein the upper ends of the  
2       supports are received in recesses in the underside of the upper deck.

1                   3.       A pallet according to claim 2 wherein the recesses and the  
2       supports have integrally formed mating elements which snap-actively engage one  
3       another to lock the supports in the recesses when the upper and lower decks are  
4       assembled.

1                   4.       A pallet according to claim 2 wherein the supports are tapered,  
2       the lower ends of the supports being wider than the upper ends thereof.

1                   5.       A pallet according to claim 4 wherein each of the supports is  
2       hollow and has therein upright stiffening ribs which project inwardly from the side  
3       wall of the support.

1                   6.       A pallet according to claim 1 wherein the supports are tapered,  
2       the lower ends of the supports being wider than the upper ends thereof.

1                   7.       A pallet according to claim 1 wherein one of the supports is  
2       located substantially at the center of the pallet, and the other supports are located  
3       substantially at the periphery of the pallet, the central support being the largest  
4       support.

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1                    15.     A pallet according to claim 14 wherein the top of the perimeter  
2     base and the top of the central base have beveled edges.

1                    17.     A pallet according to claim 13 wherein the top of the perimeter  
2     base and the top of the central base have beveled edges.

1                    18.    In a synthetic resin pallet, for use with a fork lift, comprising  
2    upper and lower decks spaced apart by a plurality of supports to define therebetween  
3    fork-receiving regions beneath the upper deck, the improvement wherein the top  
4    surface of the upper deck, the bottom surface of the lower deck, and the underside  
5    of the upper deck in the fork-receiving regions have a slip-resistant scuffed texture.

1                    19.    A pallet according to claim 18 wherein the upper and lower  
2    decks are separately molded, and the scuffed texture is created by wire-brushing said  
3    surfaces before the decks are assembled to form a finished pallet.

1                   20.     A pallet according to claim 19 wherein the scuffed texture  
2     comprises a multidirectional scuffing pattern.

1                    21.     A pallet according to claim 20 wherein the scuffed texture is  
2     created by brushing said surfaces with at least one cup-shaped wire brush.

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